



CITY OF HAYWARD
AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE 02/20/01
AGENDA ITEM 6
WORK SESSION ITEM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Director of Community and Economic Development
SUBJECT: Direction to Staff Concerning Processing of Foothill Boulevard Annexation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council direct staff to stop processing of the Foothill Boulevard annexation proposal.

DISCUSSION:

As the Council is aware, City staff has been pursuing the possibility of annexing properties within the Foothill Boulevard Corridor between the I-580/I-238 interchange and the existing city limits. The City's General Plan calls for annexation of key gateways to the city, such as the one along Foothill Boulevard, in order to improve the appearance of these major entryways and further enhance the identity of the city. At this time, City staff is seeking direction from the Council as to the next steps in the annexation process.

The proposed Foothill Boulevard Corridor annexation study area contains approximately 40 acres. The study area includes parcels on either side of Foothill Boulevard, extending to Locust Street on the west and Gary Drive on the east, between Grove Way on the south and Mattox Road/Castro Valley Boulevard on the north (see attached map).

City staff met with area property owners and residents on January 17, 2001, to introduce the annexation proposal and gain an understanding of their concerns. About 40 people attended the meeting, including 12 property owners within the area proposed for annexation. Staff responded to a variety of concerns, including potential changes in land use regulations, the proposed expansion of the redevelopment project area, and the relationship of the proposal to the proposed Route 238 Bypass. Comments made during the meeting ranged from general concern about the annexation proposal to the clear opposition voiced by several speakers. A representative from the office of Supervisor Nate Miley read a prepared statement indicating that the supervisor is not supportive of the proposed annexation. In addition, a representative of the Cherryland Community Association reiterated its position that any annexation proposal should include all of the Cherryland area, rather than just a portion of the area.

At the meeting, City staff outlined the sequence of steps in the annexation process, one of which involves the rezoning of properties within the area proposed for annexation. The Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) requires that a city adopt rezoning for any area proposed for annexation prior to submitting a formal application. Should the annexation process be continued, staff is prepared to present recommendations for rezoning for consideration by the Planning Commission at its meeting on March 8, 2001. Any Planning Commission recommendations would, of course, be forwarded to the City Council for public hearing prior to adoption. If the Council were to move forward with submittal of an annexation application, which would also need to include a proposed tax-sharing agreement as well as a plan for providing municipal services, it is anticipated that LAFCO could consider the application at its May meeting.


In light of the nature of concerns being voiced, it does not appear prudent to pursue this annexation proposal. Staff believes it is best to stop processing of the annexation proposal at this time. At the same time, staff will look for other ways to achieve the city's goals for the Foothill Boulevard gateway area.

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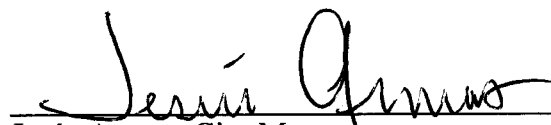
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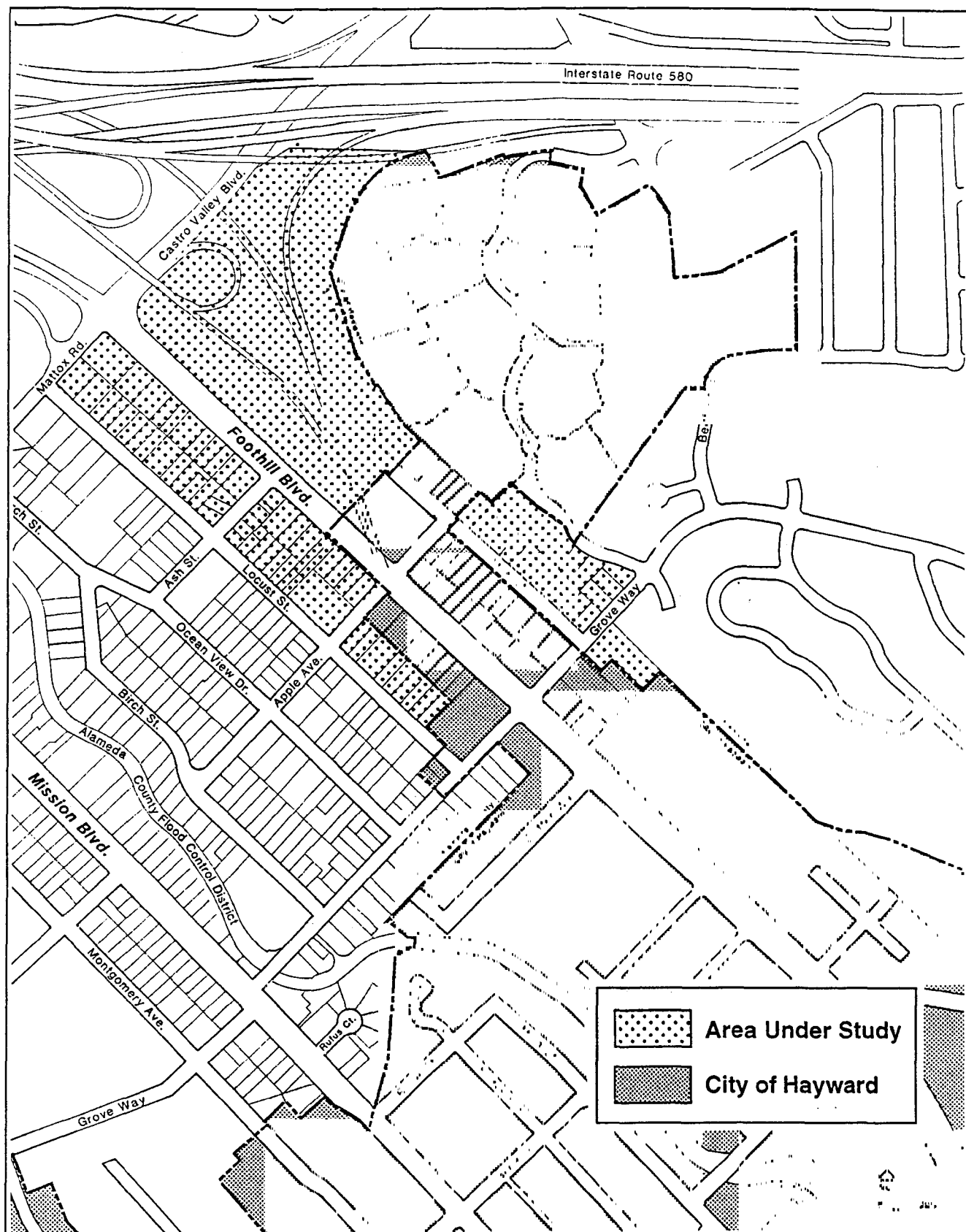
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Attachments: Area Map

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FOOTHILL BOULEVARD CORRIDOR ANNEXATION